

**Approved**

**Town of Brentwood  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2012**

*Present:* Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Bob Mantegari, John Lyon, Jeff Bryan (Select Board), Dianne Vosgien (School Board Representative), Malcolm Allison.

Absent and excused: Krista Steger

*Public present:* Randall Davis, Ken Christiansen, Crystal Buswell, Lisa Swasey, Liz Faria, Duane Demeritt, Brian West, Doug Cowie, Karen Clement, Brittany Givens, Linda Garey, Amy Wilson, Kim Woods, Donna Benshemer, Michael Morgan, Paula Rushia

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm, after a recess from the Public Hearing.

1. Motion to approve corrected draft minutes from January 23, 2012. Bob/Malcolm. Elyse noted that the cross outs in the minutes are corrections to mathematical errors made during the meeting and should stand as is. Added that default budget for SAU 16 increases .32 cents per thousand, approved, 7-0.
2. Public Hearing was quickly reviewed, it was clear, and concise and there were few questions or clarifications needed.
3. Motion to review 4915-70-829, Warrant article to establish Capital Reserve fund to establish building repairs. Motion to reduce amount to \$25,000.00, Bob/Diane. Malcolm noted that if this was approved (the reduction) it will save approximately .05 cents per thousand on tax bills. Voted against, 4-2; Article stands as recommended for \$50,000.00
4. A new Citizen's Petition warrant article was received to request the Select Board use up to \$20,000.00 from cable franchise fees to establish a town cable channel. This would only begin the process and additional money would be needed to purchase equipment and to pay recurring fees to broadcast on a local channel from the town hall and provide coverage of the Select Board meetings, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as to allow citizens to broadcast community events. The \$20K requested would add approximately .04 cents per thousand to the tax bill (because that money would have to be replaced from revenue). Motion to **Not Recommend**, Jeff/Bob, 7-0
5. Other business: Elyse noted that there are other citizens' petition warrants but they do not involve any appropriations. There may be one coming in related to the Exeter Brentwood Pine Road issue of commercial traffic but nothing has been officially received. If other warrants are received that require our vote of recommendations she will call another meeting.
6. Motion to accept the revised article for the Brentwood Newsletter "Corrections and Changes" that outlines correct tax impact of operating budgets for town and school, warrants and SAU 16 budgets and warrants, for presentation at Town Meetings and for publication on the Website. Bob/Malcolm, approved as reviewed, 6-0-1.
7. Power Point from Public Hearing as well as related documents (i.e. step increase table, etc.) will be available on the Website and will include school information for all to review.
8. Public Comment None
9. All signed Swasey School MS 27 Budget Forms and gave to Mike Morgan for official posting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16, Jeff/Bob 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by William C Faria